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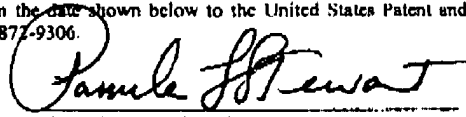
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2004. Claims 1-60 are pending. Claims 1-60 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-48 are said to be drawn to an article for use as a masking material, classified in Class 428, subclass 43;
- II. Claims 49-59 are said to be drawn to a method of making a masking material, classified in Class 156, subclass 60;
- III. Claim 60 are said to be drawn to an apparatus for manufacturing a masking material, classified in Class 118, subclass 504.

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I, consisting of claims 1-48, without traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

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Applicants have elected Group I. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

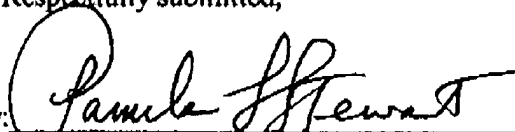
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Respectfully submitted,

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